

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates:

Week of January 19 - Reading MAP testing
January 30th – PTO Pancake Breakfast (Holmes Multipurpose Room)

News

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:

<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

Specials- www.holmesspecials.blogspot.com

Art

This week 5F and 5M we will be experimenting with various painting and mixed media techniques before beginning our Basquiat inspired paintings. 5C and 5L will begin their large compositions based on last week's "mini masterpieces".

~Ms. Jones (kjones@op97.org)

Music

Last week (this week for 5F and 5L) we started the groundwork for our composition assignment. We will also be working on our recorder assignment at the end of the week. This will be our last time in class to work on the recorder assignment so students should start recording the assignment over next weekend if they are ready. If they are not ready, they should come to the help session which will be next week (day TBD). If you didn't receive the email last week containing assignments please contact me at akaria@op97.org.

--Mrs. Karia

Chorus

This week we continue to prepare for our school assembly with band and orchestra as well as our District Festival in the spring.

Spanish

We have completed our IMovies on each of our interpretation of Juan el Bombero. Now we are making new stories!. To check for any further updates visit my [blog](#). Or email me at afavela@op97.org.

Library, Reading Olympics

Permission forms were turned in before the winter break so that students could read over the winter holiday. We will be meeting this week to be sure that all teams are on the right track. Students should check in with their homeroom teachers for an exact date; it will most likely be Wednesday barring any scheduling issues! Check out which books are on the spring list by going here:

<http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/Reading-Olympics.cfm>

Library

We started last week on the Taking a Stand unit, with a brief introduction to segregation in the United States. Students were very interested in this topic, and had a lot of wonderful questions and thoughtful things to share. This is our second week, and we will use Google Classroom to read an excerpt from Augusta Scattergood's *Gloria Be*. We will be comparing how the two characters in the excerpt react to a situation. Please email me with any questions! mmaneck@op97.org

Physical Education

Happy New Year! Our Holmes students will kick this new year off with conditioning. That's right! After much holiday feasting, it's time to whip our future leaders back in shape! Also for the entire month of February, our p.e. district 97 gymnastics unit will be going on. Specific skills such as balance and coordination will be key targets for the students improve upon and/or master..

Reading/Literature

Fifth grade students will be taking reading MAP tests this week. 5F and 5L will be testing on Tuesday, January 19. 5C and 5M will be testing on Friday, January 22. If you know your student will be absent during MAP testing, please let your child's teacher know.

This week, we will be continuing our ELA unit, "Taking a Stand." While working with our anchor text, *Maniac Magee*, students will be considering how plot conflicts shape a character's perspective. Specifically, students will be thinking deeply about Maniac's perspective on the events surrounding racial differences and segregation that he experiences. (RL.6)

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each night!

Writing

We will do a writing activity surrounding Resolutions and Goal Setting.

Math

We will continue to work with adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. This week, we will focus primarily on subtracting mixed numbers. Students will be using number lines and estimation to determine reasonableness of answers. On Friday, students will take the mid-unit assessment. Next Thursday, students will take the first part of the end of unit summative assessment covering fraction addition and subtraction.

Science

By this week, all of the students should've turned in their science fair project proposals and had them signed by a parent or guardian. Last week, we went to the library to look for sources and start brainstorming ideas for our Science Fair research papers due the first week of February. Please make sure that your child is following along with the deadlines as we continue science fair.

Social Studies

In Social Studies we are finishing up our study of Conquistadores. After that, we will be doing a mapping activity to help us review the most important voyages of the Age of Exploration. Students will be mapping the journeys of these explorers using latitude and longitude coordinates, as well as,

writing a brief summary of their voyage.

Word Study

We will be reviewing Unit 2 of our vocabulary curriculum this week, which focuses on the Latin bases *scrib*, *script*, *dict*, *pon*, *pos*, *posit*, *sed*, *sid*, *sess*, *cur*, *curs*, *cour*, and *cours*. Students will have an assessment on this unit at the end of the week. 5M and 5C will take their assessment on Thursday and 5F and 5L will take their assessment on Friday.

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